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**Grover Beach Police Department**

<b>2002-03 Grand Jury Recommendation</b>	<b>Agency Response</b>	<b>Current Status</b>
Recommendation #1. When DUI arrestee is released to custody of another party, require that party to assume responsibility for arrestee's operation of a vehicle while intoxicated.	Concur with Grand Jury.	Recommendation was implemented.
Recommendation #2. Grover Beach Police Department should seek accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies.	Grover Beach Police Department has requested a Police Officer Standards and Training (POST) audit in lieu of recommendation. POST sets standards in California that are more applicable.	POST completed the requested audit in March 2004 and recommended several improvements, which were fully implemented. Among those improvements was the utilization of an outside provider for legal review and compliance for California policy standards and protocol, management and supervisory personnel have assigned responsibilities for personnel compliance to revised policy manual, continued review of strategic plan, and the department has identified issues for potential law enforcement consolidation strategies.

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<b>Integrated Waste Management</b>		
<b>2002-03 Grand Jury Recommendation</b>	<b>Agency Response</b>	<b>Current Status</b>
Recommendation #1. Integrated Waste Management agency needs a qualified lead staff person to coordinate the solid waste program.	Environmental Health stated that this recommendation <u>would</u> be implemented in the future. The SLO County Board of Supervisors stated that this recommendation <u>might</u> be implemented in the future.	Since the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors decided to withdraw the Solid Waste Local Enforcement Agency designation from the Public Health Department and return the enforcement agency responsibilities to the CIWMB effective July 1, 2004, this recommendation will not be implemented.
Recommendation #2. Environmental Health should work with the State Integrated Waste Management Board to establish procedures for allowing minor permit modifications.	San Luis Obispo County Environmental Health Services and the BOS stated that these recommendations require further analysis and will refer the recommendations to the California Integrated Waste Management Board.	Since the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors decided to withdraw the Solid Waste Local Enforcement Agency designation from the Public Health Department and return the enforcement agency responsibilities to the CIWMB effective July 1, 2004, this recommendation will not be implemented.

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**San Luis Obispo County Jail**

<b>2002-03 Grand Jury Recommendation</b>	<b>Agency Response</b>	<b>Current Status</b>
Recommendation #1. At the time of booking, have each inmate sign his or her copy of <i>Inmate Rules</i> .	Both the SLO County Sheriff's Department and BOS declined to implement this recommendation.	N/A
Recommendation #2. Turn off the TV during the hours that exercise yards are open and encourage inmates to participate in educational programs.	Both the SLO County Sheriff's Department and BOS declined to implement this recommendation.	N/A
Recommendation #3. Adopt the policy developed by the Mental Health/Criminal Justice Task Force designed to treat mental problems before, during and after involvement in the criminal justice system.	Both the SLO County Sheriff's Department and the BOS stated that this recommendation requires further analysis.	<p>A formal policy was not adopted. However, law enforcement and the Board recognize the unique situation presented by mentally ill persons who break the law. In response, several steps that implement the intent of the policy have been put in place.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A training program to help law enforcement personnel recognize mental health issues in persons that are contacted by law enforcement staff was held in early 2006. The intent is to assist law enforcement officers to be better able to deal with the mentally ill and help law enforcement personnel to direct individuals to community resources that provide mental health care. This</li> </ol>

		<p>training will be held annually to reach as law enforcement personnel in all jurisdictions.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. A Mental Health Court was begun in the Superior Court to provide a specific venue for mentally ill offenders. The Court works with law enforcement and the Probation Department to address the specific needs of mentally ill offenders.</li> <li>3. The Probation Department Mentally Ill Probationer program (MIPs) works with mentally ill offenders by providing dedicated Probation staff that provide intensive oversight of a number of mentally ill offenders. Probation staff assists with assuring that people in the program remain on medication, receive counseling services and are afforded the opportunity to be successfully avoid incarceration and substance abuse. The Probation Department also works with juvenile offenders to make available counseling and other services oriented toward assistance with mental health issues.</li> <li>4. Additional Mental Health staff time has been allocated to the jail to help inmates with mental health issues.</li> <li>5. The Mental Health Department will be implementing programs pursuant to Proposition 63 that are oriented</li> </ol>
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		<p>toward early intervention and prevention. Proposition 63 programs are proposed for funding in FY 2006-2007.</p> <p>The net effect is that more resources and programs are being directed to the individuals who are either in or at risk of becoming involved with criminal justice system.</p>
Recommendation #4. The Department of Mental Health Services should pay for psychotropic medications administered by jail staff.	Both the SLO County Sheriff's Department and BOS declined to implement this recommendation.	N/A
Recommendation #5. Increase inmate visitation time per week.	Both the SLO County Sheriff's Department and BOS declined to implement this recommendation.	N/A
Recommendation #6. Find sources of worthwhile free reading materials.	Concur with Grand Jury.	Recommendation has been implemented.
Recommendation #7. Require the jail chaplain to spend a minimum number of hours per week in the jail and that he/she recruit more volunteers.	Both the SLO County Sheriff's Department and BOS declined to implement this recommendation.	N/A

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**Juvenile Court Division Security**

<b>2002-03 Grand Jury Recommendation</b>	<b>Agency Response</b>	<b>Current Status</b>
Recommendation #1. The SLO County Probation Department should improve security for the Juvenile Court by providing enhanced and improved security in the lobby of Juvenile Services Center.	The BOS stated that the grand jury recommendation is the responsibility of the Court to implement. Even though the BOS claims that the Court retains overall responsibility for courtroom security, the BOS has partially implemented this grand jury recommendation.	N/A

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**RALCCO Recycling Cleanup**

<b>2002-03 Grand Jury Recommendation</b>	<b>Agency Response</b>	<b>Current Status</b>
Recommendation #1. San Luis Obispo County Environmental Health Services should take whatever measures necessary to assure a prompt cleanup of the site.	San Luis Obispo County Environmental Health Services and the BOS will study this grand jury recommendation in detail before committing to implementation.	The property owner took responsibility for cleaning up the site. It was not necessary for the CIWMB to intercede and clean up the site. The property has been completely cleaned up under oversight from the Public Health Department/Environmental Health Services.
Recommendation #2. If RALCCO is unable to comply fully with the California Integrated Waste Management Board's March 2003 cleanup order, the County Environmental Health agency should seek further legal action.	Concur with Grand Jury	Recommendation was implemented.
Recommendation #3. County Environmental Health should make another effort to investigate the allegations that the RALCCO site contains buried drums.	San Luis Obispo County Environmental Health Services and the BOS will study this grand jury recommendation in detail before committing to implementation.	On September 17, 2003, Environmental Health Services received the name of the anonymous informant from the County Administrative Officer who had received the name from the Integrated Waste Management Authority Manager. On October 7, 2003, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) interviewed the anonymous informant (Letter from FBI on file). Ten years earlier, in approximately 1992 or 1993, the anonymous informant recalled assisting the business owner to bury some general debris. The

		anonymous informant stated he did not see any toxic or hazardous items buried at the site. He stated he saw general debris consisting of garbage, scrap metal and plastic buckets in the buried debris.
Recommendation #4. County Integrated Waste Management Authority should respond to these recommendations if it assumes Environmental Health's responsibilities for regulation of solid waste.	San Luis Obispo County Environmental Health Services and the BOS have declined to implement this grand jury recommendation.	N/A



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**San Luis Obispo County Risk Management Division**

<b>2002-03 Grand Jury Recommendation</b>	<b>Agency Response</b>	<b>Current Status</b>
Recommendation #1. The Risk Mgt Division should make every attempt to fill the vacant Worker's Compensation Officer and the Safety Officer as soon as possible.	Concur with Grand Jury.	Recommendation has been implemented.
Recommendation #2. The Risk Manager should prepare detailed justification for adding two Administrative Assistant III positions to the RMD.	The Risk Management Division stated that this recommendation would need further analyses to determine if implementation is warranted and feasible.	Risk Management staff concluded that two Administrative Assistant positions were not necessary. Rather, a Human Resources Analyst Aide position was added in 2004 to address Risk Management's most pressing workload needs.
Recommendation #3. Upon approval of the Risk Manager's request, the County Administrator should add one or two Administrative Assistant III positions to the RMD, either recruiting from in house or outside.	The County Administrator stated that this recommendation would need further analyses to determine if implementation is warranted and feasible.	Risk Management staff concluded that two Administrative Assistant positions were not necessary. Rather, a Human Resources Analyst Aide position was added in 2004 to address Risk Management's most pressing workload needs.
Recommendation #4. The County should audit the contract and performance of its current worker's claim processor, using the results to develop a new RFP.	This grand jury recommendation will be implemented.	This recommendation was implemented. As a result of the RFP process, a new third party administrator, Octagon, was selected and started work for the County in May of 2004. Since Octagon has been on board, the County has reduced its Workers' Comp total liabilities from \$27 million to just under \$11 million

Recommendation #5. The County should not award a new worker's claim processor contract based on cost alone. Other factors, such as past contract performance, contractor experience, etc. should have equal weight.	This grand jury recommendation will be implemented.	This recommendation was implemented. Octagon was more costly than other firms interviewed, however, their experience and past performance drove the decision to hire them. As demonstrated by the huge reduction in total liabilities, Octagon has been well worth the expense.
Recommendation #6. The new Risk Manager should implement formal training for key members of the safety committee.	This grand jury recommendation will be implemented.	This recommendation has been implemented. Since coming on board, the Safety Officer has: 1) redesigned the Safety Commission meetings to include a training component at every meeting; 2) implemented a state-of-the-art automated safety program that uses monthly modules to train Commission members on key safety issues; and 3) included funding in the budget to send Commission members to professional training seminars. Please note that the County's OSHA recordable injuries dropped from 214 in 2004 to 139 in 2005. The 139 figure equates to a rate of 5.3 injuries/illnesses per 100 employees. By comparison, the statewide average for local government agencies was 8.6 injuries/illnesses per 100 employees

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**San Luis Obispo North County Holding Facilities**

<b>2002-03 Grand Jury Recommendation</b>	<b>Agency Response</b>	<b>Current Status</b>
Recommendation #1. The BOS and SLO County Sheriff's Department should add jail and booking facilities to the new authorized Sheriff's sub-station in Templeton.	The SLO County Sheriff's Department and BOS declined to implement this grand jury recommendation.	N/A
Recommendation #2. If the first recommendation cannot be implemented, the BOS and SLO County Sheriff's Department should determine the feasibility of establishing a prisoner shuttle van to various north-county holding facilities.	The SLO County Sheriff's Department and BOS declined to implement this grand jury recommendation.	N/A